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*To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the JOINT
COMMITTEE for the UNITED SANITARY
DISTRICTS OF EAST BERKS.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1945.

No major epidemics occurred during the year, and the decreasing incidence of Scarlet Fever is worthy of note. Diphtheria has slightly increased among adults, and the cases have been highly virulent. Pulmonary Tuberculosis cases and deaths have decreased, but there is still far too high an incidence of non-pulmonary cases. Pasteurisation of milk would reduce this incidence, and do it quickly. Milk production from non-tubercular cows would have the same effect, but past history and present circumstances give little ground for hope in this direction.

Every other consideration for the public health pales into insignificance before the need for more houses to relieve overcrowding ; and it seems right and proper that everything else should be temporarily shelved so that new houses can be built. There is, however, an increasingly sinister picture always before the eyes of your Sanitary staffs. I refer to the "unfit" houses which are becoming more and more uninhabitable as the lean years pass. The time cannot come too soon for the Ministry of Health to sanction slum clearance again.

The work of your Sanitary Inspectors is still hampered by shortage of staff, duality of office held, and shortage of materials with which to effect improvements, and so their reports are still war-time ones.

I have gratefully to acknowledge constant courtesy, co-operation and kindness from both Colleagues and Councillors.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W B Moore

Medical Officer of Health.

"The Wilderness,"
Cookham Road, Maidenhead.
(Tel. No. 549).

August, 1946.

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for the Year 1946

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Maidenhead Municipal Borough

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,026
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,869
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£215,793
Produce of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£877

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of:—

Population at middle of 1945	...	...	...	...	26,090
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BIRTHS.

Live Births.

						<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	173	197
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	24	19
Total	...	...	...	...	...	197	216

Live Birth Rate.

15.8

Still Births.

						<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	6	4
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Total	...	...	...	...	...	8	5

Still Birth Rate.

0.5

DEATHS.

Deaths (All Causes).

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
344	170	174

Death Rate.

13.2

Infant Deaths.

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
19	10	9

Infant Death Rate.
46

Maternal Deaths.
3

Deaths from Tuberculosis.	Males.	Females.
Pulmonary	9	4
Non-pulmonary	3	1

Tuberculosis Death Rate.	
All Forms	0.65
Pulmonary	0.5
Non-pulmonary	0.15

CAUSES OF DEATH IN MAIDENHEAD URBAN DISTRICT, 1945.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Males.	Females
ALL CAUSES	170	174
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	1
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	9	4
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	3	1
8. Syphilitic diseases	2	—
9. Influenza	2	1
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13. Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F) ...	2	1
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	2	8
15. Cancer of breast	—	5
16. Cancer of all other sites	26	13
17. Diabetes	—	2
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	14	26
19. Heart Disease	45	54
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	5	8
21. Bronchitis	14	14
22. Pneumonia	8	7
23. Other respiratory diseases	—	1
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	2	1
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	2	—
26. Appendicitis	1	—
27. Other digestive diseases	1	2
28. Nephritis	5	4
29. Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	3
31. Premature birth	4	2
32. Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases ...	2	5
33. Suicide	2	—
34. Road traffic accident	1	2
35. Other violent causes	3	3
36. All other causes	15	6

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

IMMUNISATION.

A Clinic is held at "The Wilderness" on the first Saturday of the month for immunising children against Diphtheria. During 1945, 328 children received the full course of treatment and the total number of children immunised since 1940, including those done at the schools, is 4,410.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below :—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1945

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases ad- mitted Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	1	1	0
Diphtheria	4 (1)	4	0
Dysentery	18 (18)	5	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	2 (2)	2	0
Measles	212 (13)	7	0
Malaria	1	1	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Pneumonia	2	0	0
Polio-encephalitis	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	3 (3)	2	0
Scarlet Fever	25 (1)	20	1
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	3	0	0

Brackets () indicate cases that occurred in institutions and hospitals ; they are included in the totals given.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1945.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria ...		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-
Dysentery ...		-	-	-	-	-	12	4	1	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Malaria ...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles ...		2	11	16	24	29	117	9	-	4	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...		-	-	3	4	2	12	4	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ...		1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1941-1945.

<i>Disease.</i>				<i>1941.</i>	<i>1942.</i>	<i>1943.</i>	<i>1944.</i>	<i>1945.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	4	2	0	0	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	70	15	7	1	4
Dysentery	...	...	...	1	0	0	0	18
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	1	0	1	1	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	4	0	1	2	2
Malaria	...	...	...	0	0	0	1	1
Measles	...	...	...	167	21	220	2	212
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	5	7	5	3	2
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	22	1	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	5	7	0	7	3
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	40	67	162	29	25
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	46	2	31	12	3

TUBERCULOSIS

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution). These requirements are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not, during the current year are set out in the table below :—

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y		Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years ...	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—
5—15 „ ...	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	8	6	2	2	3	1	1	—
25—35 „ ...	3	5	—	1	—	1	—	—
35—45 „ ...	1	4	1	1	2	2	—	—
45—55 „ ...	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	2
Totals ...	15	15	6	7	10	5	2	2

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—4 out of 19=21.05%.

MAIDENHEAD BOROUGH ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The Maidenhead Borough Isolation Hospital serves the East Berks Districts and also the Borough of Windsor. Details of Staff, etc., were given in the Report for 1939 at pages 19-20.

Admissions during the Year 1945.

Districts.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Other Cases.	Total.
Maidenhead U.D. ...	20	4	50	74
Wokingham U.D. ...	2	2	4	8
Cookham R.D. ...	13	0	14	27
Easthampstead R.D. ...	13	2	4	19
Windsor R.D. ...	17	0	5	22
Wokingham R.D. ...	17	7	6	30
*Windsor U.D. ...	24	9	24	57
Total, 1945 ...	106	24	107	237
„ 1944 ...	149	18	95	262
„ 1943 ...	346	26	65	437

*Including the following cases transferred from King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor :

Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Other Cases.	Total.
1	0	8	9

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Health Visiting.

The following is a summary of the visits paid by the Health Visitors during the year :—

To expectant mothers :

First visits	...	...	...	35
Total visits	...	...	...	43

To children under 1 year :

First visits	...	...	...	351
Total visits	...	...	...	2,848

To children between 1 and 5 years :

Total visits	...	...	...	2,390
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Child Life Protection.

Number of homes on register	...	...	7
Number of children on register	...	...	18

Infant Welfare Centres.

Record of attendances during the year :

		<i>Under 1 year.</i>	<i>1-5 years.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
(a) The Wilderness	...	2,843	1,401	4,244
(b) Burbery Hall	...	2,098	802	2,900

Ante-Natal Clinic.

Number of attendances during the year : 214.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply to the Borough continues to be satisfactory in quality and quantity. Sixty-three bacteriological examinations were made of the raw water, all of which were returned as satisfactory. Two chemical analyses were made, which showed the water to be pure but hard (total hardness 22.5, temporary hardness 17.5, permanent hardness 5). Practically all the houses in the Borough are connected to the mains. Twenty-nine connections were made to domestic premises during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Some further progress has been made in the elimination of cesspools in those areas where main sewers have recently been laid. It has not been possible owing to shortage of building labour and materials to get all such cesspools removed.

Some difficulty was experienced during the winter months in obtaining a satisfactory effluent at the Sewage Disposal Works owing to serious "ponding" on the new precolating filters. Treatment with chloride of lime proved only partially successful in dealing with this condition. The Council has decided to seek authority to instal a further filter unit.

Sludge and house refuse continue to be composted to produce an agricultural fertiliser, but it has been found that all the sludge produced at the Sewage Disposal Works can no longer be used in this process. The Council is reviewing the position and is in communication with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries concerning their future policy.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The collection of house refuse has been a matter causing considerable difficulty and concern. The labour position has remained extremely difficult, with the result that it has not been possible to make regular collections at fixed intervals. Every effort is being made to improve matters by the purchase of additional vehicles and recruitment of further men. House refuse continues to be dealt with by the composting system.

The Council's fleet of cesspool emptying vehicles have been improved by the acquisition of a new combined cesspool and gulley vacuum emptying machine. The organisation of cleansing services generally has been consolidated by including all such services under a single control in the Borough Surveyor's Department.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE BOROUGH.

Following is the report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year.

This summary does not include notices served under the Housing Act 1936, for which see special report under Housing Statistics.

SUMMARY.

Visits and Re-visits to premises	...	...	...	...	...	5,105
Number of Formal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	22
„ „ Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	616
„ „ Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	561
Complaints received and attended to	...	...	...	...	...	431
Drains tested with water	...	...	...	...	...	14
„ „ „ smoke	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Drains passed after examination (sewer connections, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	2

Nature and Number of Nuisances dealt with :

Animals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Choked drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	222
Damp premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Defective and insufficient cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
„ Chimney-stacks	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
„ Drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
„ Foul and choked W.C. pans	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
„ and insufficient inspection chambers	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ Eaves, gutters and stackpipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
„ Floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
„ Flushing cisterns	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
„ Grates and coppers	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
„ Lavatory basins and sinks	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ Plaster (walls and ceilings)	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
„ Soil and ventilating pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ Water service pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
„ Windows, skylights and doors	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Dirty walls and ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
„ Tenants	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ Water-closet chambers	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Foul and defective waste pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Insufficient Light to rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ Refuse receptacles	...	...	...	...	...	...	116
„ Ventilation to rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Leaky roofs and fillets	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Urinals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
Notification to Water Co., <i>re</i> waste of water	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Public and private Library books disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Rooms disinfected after—							
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Other causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
School Exclusion Notices sent	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Verminous Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	91

LIST OF ARTICLES STEAM DISINFECTED AT THE ISOLATION
HOSPITAL.

Articles of Bedding	...	218	Rugs	...	...	44
Blankets	...	516	Cushions	...	...	30
Bolsters and Pillows	...	460	Drums of Dressing	...	...	5
Bundles of Bedding	...	3	Mattresses	...	...	622
Clothing (bundles)	...	9	Miscellaneous	...	...	69
„ (articles)	...	63				

BAKEHOUSES.

No. on Register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
No. of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Contraventions of Factories Act discovered and remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

CINEMAS.

No. of Premises	...	...	2	Nuisances discovered	...	1
No. of Inspections	...	10		Nuisances remedied	...	1

COMMON LODGING HOUSE.

No. on Register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
No. of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Contraventions of Bye-Laws discovered and remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register—

Wholesale producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Retail producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Retail purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Retailers (Milkshops, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

Dealer's Bottling Licence—Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Distributor's Licence to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Licence to Pasteurise Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dealer's Retailing Licence—Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Supplementary Licence to sell Pasteurised Milk (renewed)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Contraventions of the above Order discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Samples submitted to National Institute for Research in Dairying for examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31

FATORIES.

No. on Register—

Factories with mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
,, without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107

No. of Inspections :

Factories with mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
,, without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23

						<i>Defects Discovered.</i>	<i>Defects Remedied.</i>
Want of cleanliness	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	—
Unreasonable temperature	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	—
Inadequate ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	—
„ means of escape in case of fire	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
Sanitary Conveniences insufficient	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
„ „ unsuitable or defective	...	...	...	...	...	5	4
„ „ not separate for the sexes	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
Other offences	...	...	...	...	...	6	6
Means of escape in case of fire, provided and Certificates granted							3

FOOD PREMISES.

No. of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	304
Contraventions	...	...	...	...	...	...	18

KNACKER'S YARD.

Visits for Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
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CENTRAL SLAUGHTER HOUSE.

The following is a summary of the animals slaughtered and the meat condemned and surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED.

Beasts	...	...	...	1,398	Pigs	...	...	...	293
Calves	...	...	...	1,186	Sheep	...	...	...	3,677

If on post-mortem examination any calf is found to be affected with tuberculosis, notification is sent to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Animal Health Division..

UN SOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned and surrendered, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption.

MEAT.

Carcases and parts of Carcases :		<i>Tuberculosis.</i>	<i>Other causes.</i>	<i>Total Weight.</i>
Beasts ...	...	12,750lbs.	2,912lbs.	15,662lbs.
Calves ...	...	164lbs.	115lbs.	279lbs.
Sheep ...	...	—	238lbs.	238lbs.
Pigs ...	...	500lbs.	737lbs.	1,237lbs.
Offal :				
Beasts ...	...	9,240lbs.	4,728lbs.	13,968lbs.
Calves ...	...	9lbs.	64½lbs.	73½lbs.
Sheep ...	...	—	925lbs.	925lbs.
Pigs ...	...	47lbs.	250lbs.	297lbs.
Grand Total ...				32,679½lbs.
Equals 14 tons 11 cwt. 2 grs. 22lbs.				

OTHER FOODS.

Bacon ...	...	133½lbs.	Barley Sugar ...	9 Sticks
Beef ...	...	122lbs.	Crumpets ...	377
Butter ...	...	114lbs.	Eggs ...	722
Cauliflower ...	...	104lbs.	Fish Cakes ...	1,425
Cheese ...	...	47lbs.	Meat Pies ...	32
Chocolate ...	...	1lb.	Pork Pies ...	180
Cockles ...	...	84lbs.	Potato Cakes ...	506
Cooking Fat ...	...	½lb.	Shrimps ...	6 galls.
Dates ...	...	120lbs.	Various Foods ...	2,056 tins
Dried Fruit ...	...	1lb.	„ „ ...	80 jars
Fish ...	...	2,881lbs.	„ „ ...	115 pkts.
Flour ...	...	30lbs.	„ „ ...	15 botts.
Frozen Pork ...	...	299lbs.		
Frozen Rabbit ...	...	82lbs.		
Figs ...	...	½lb.		
Galantine ...	...	31½lbs.		
Ham... ..	...	23lbs.		
Haricot Beans ...	...	17lbs.		
Lobster ...	...	52lbs.		
Marconi ...	...	39½lbs.		
Margarine ...	...	22½lbs.		
Meat... ..	...	16lbs.		
Oatmeal ...	...	59lbs.		
Potatoes ...	...	678lbs.		
Peas ...	...	784lbs.		
Raisins ...	...	½lb.		
Rice ...	...	18½lbs.		
Rolled Oats ...	...	56lbs.		
Sausages ...	...	135lbs.		
Sugar ...	...	42lbs.		
Sweetstuffs ...	...	30½lbs.		
Tea ...	...	3½lbs.		

6,028lbs. tons. cwt. qrs. lbs.
 (2 13 3 8)

RODENT CONTROL

On the 1st January, 1945, Mr. W. A. White commenced his duties as Rodent Officer and on the 22nd January three Rodent Operators were appointed to replace the two previous operators who had resigned.

The work was re-organised and treatment on the block system, which was already in operation, was put into force on an intensive scale with beneficial results.

Details of the work carried out during the year are submitted below.

					<i>Rats.</i>	<i>Mice.</i>
Number of complaints received ...	...	...	...	...	189	58
Visits of inspection : Complaints	...	...	...	...	189	58
„ „ „ Survey	...	...	...	...	3,106	1,521
Visits for extermination : Complaints	...	...	...	...	1,160	125
„ „ „ Survey	...	...	...	...	2,157	162
Total premises treated	...	...	...	...	543	139
Premises cleared	...	...	...	...	508	138
Cases of re-infestation	...	...	...	...	35	1

SHOP PREMISES.

Number of Shops on Register ...	...	...	...	...	621
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	35
Contraventions of Public Health Acts discovered	...	...	...	...	20
„ „ „ „ „ remedied	...	...	...	...	20

(Signed) W. E. HARDING,
Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	154
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	173

(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	8
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	10
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state of dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation... ..	109
2. <i>Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—</i>	
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	68
3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—</i>	
A. <i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :</i>	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	11
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners	7
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
B. <i>Proceedings under Public Health Acts :</i>	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	30
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners	26
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
C. <i>Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :</i>	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil
4. <i>Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.</i>	

There is still a number of cases of serious overcrowding in the district, and whilst every effort is made to relieve the most urgent cases, little can be done in a general way until more housing accommodation is available.

Wokingham

Municipal Borough

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	3,404
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1945	2,351
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1946	£58,183
Produce of a Penny Rate	£240

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of :

Population at middle of 1945	8,134
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BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate							59	64
Illegitimate							10	9
Total							69	73

Live Birth Rate.
17.5

<i>Still Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate							1	1
Illegitimate							2	1
Total							3	2

Still Birth Rate.
0.6

DEATHS.

Deaths (All Causes).

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
139	70	69

Death Rate.
17.1

Infant Deaths.

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
6	5	1

Infant Death Rate.
42.2

Maternal Deaths.
1

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	Males.	Females.
Pulmonary	1	2
Non-pulmonary	—	—

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	0.4
Pulmonary	0.4
Non-pulmonary	0.0

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WOKINGHAM URBAN DISTRICT, 1945.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Males.	Females
ALL CAUSES	70	69
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	2
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—
8. Syphilitic diseases	—	—
9. Influenza	1	—
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13. Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F):... ..	1	1
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	3	2
15. Cancer of breast	—	3
16. Cancer of all other sites	6	3
17. Diabetes	—	—
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	7	10
19. Heart Disease	21	12
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	—	2
21. Bronchitis	4	2
22. Pneumonia	1	1
23. Other respiratory diseases	2	—
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	1
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	—
26. Appendicitis	—	—
27. Other digestive diseases	1	1
28. Nephritis	2	—
29. Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	1
31. Premature birth	1	1
32. Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	2	—
33. Suicide	—	—
34. Road traffic accident	1	—
35. Other violent causes	2	—
36. All other causes	13	27

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year the number of children immunised against Diphtheria was 183. Previous to 1945 there had been 1,472 immunisations carried out, making a grand total of 1,655.

The following tables set out the main particulars in relation to the notifiable infectious diseases for the year 1945.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1945.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Diseases.</i>					<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases ad- mitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	2 (1)	2	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	8	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	0	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1945.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Diphtheria	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Measles	...	1	-	-	-	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1941-45.

	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Cerebro-spinal Fever	2	0	1	0	0
Diphtheria	6	0	3	0	2
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	0	0	1	0
Erysipelas	6	1	0	1	0
Malaria	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	93	8	4	0	8
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	0	1	0	1
Pneumonia	4	3	1	0	0
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	0	3	0	0
Scarlet Fever	6	3	41	15	3
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough... ..	21	2	0	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 — 5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—15 „ ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 „ ...	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
35—45 „ ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 „ ...	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
55—65 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	2	3	—	—	2	1	—	—

Percentage of non-notifiable cases amongst total fatal cases—Nil.

WATER SUPPLY.

Water is supplied throughout the area by the Mid-Wessex Water Company of Frimley Green. The supply is wholesome and meets the needs of the District. There are approximately 66 private wells in use in the area, serving houses in the outlying parts of the Borough. The water from the main supply or from the wells was not analysed during the year,

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CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

PUBLIC · CLEANSING.

Wet Scavenging.

<i>Year.</i>							<i>Cesspools in Use.</i>
1930	...	...	...	...	...	...	645
1935	...	...	...	...	...	...	253
1938	...	...	...	...	...	...	222
1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	144

The exhauster is employed 16 days per month, the number emptied being 80, an average of 5 per day. The contents are discharged into the main sewerage system by means of a convenient manhole. Most of the premises drained to cesspools are on private roads.

Figures for 1945 are :—

Number of cesspool emptyings	...	...	...	861
Quantity removed	...	...	...	717,050 gallons
(An average of 833 gallons per cesspool.)				

Dry Scavenging.

House Refuse is removed weekly from all properties in the Borough by means of a covered S.D. motor freighter. The refuse is deposited on low lying land at Molly Millars Lane, and is dealt with by controlled tipping. The system is very efficient, there being no nuisance from smell, burning or rats ; the land covered is subsequently let for grazing. The Council is negotiating for a further acre of land adjoining the present tip, for use when the present site is filled.

Salvage is still an active pursuit of the Council. Paper is collected at the same time as the house refuse and is baled and sold. The Council's pig farm continues to flourish, swill being obtained from street bins, the County Cooking Centre and Military Establishments. Apart from utilising food which would otherwise be wasted, a satisfactory profit is being made. Spare land at the Sewerage Works is also being cultivated.

The figures for Refuse collection are :—

Number of loads collected	...	...	...	1,103
Cubic yards collected	...	...	...	7,721
Cost of Collection	...	...	...	£1,654 8s. 7d.
Cost per Cubic yard	...	...	...	4s. 3½d.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The following statement shows the number and nature of the inspections carried out during the year, with the results of such inspections.

Number of premises inspected...	...	...	...	...	...	22
„ „ inspections and re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	41
„ „ complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	...	...	20
„ „ nuisances discovered as results of complaints	...	...	...	...	...	14
„ „ Notices served :						
Informal	...	...	...	...	...	14
Statutory	...	...	...	...	...	1
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	0
„ „ premises on which nuisances were abated	...	...	...	...	...	12

DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS.

Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Knacker's Yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Nuisance from domestic animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bakehouse inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dairy inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Nuisance from Veterinary Establishment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Defective drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Blocked drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Blocked sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Defective cesspool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drains tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

HOUSING.

Dampness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Defective roofs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
„ sinks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ grates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ W.Cs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
„ floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
„ Chimney stacks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ Coal sheds, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ windows	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
„ wells	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ interior walls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ rain water guttering	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ walls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ water supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ copper	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dust-bins required	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Flooded cellar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Settlement of building	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

RAINFALL AT WOKINGHAM IN 1945.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Depth in inches</i>	<i>Greatest fall in 24 hours Depth in inches</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>No. of days with</i>	
				<i>.01 or more ins.</i>	<i>.04 or more ins.</i>
January ...	1.22	.33	29th	15	8
February...	1.29	.32	11th	11	8
March ...	0.50	.15	19th	8	5
April ...	1.10	.32	26th	10	7
May ...	1.54	.55	3rd	9	6
June ...	1.84	.38	21st	14	11
July ...	3.27	1.47	11th	9	7
August ...	1.10	.30	22nd	12	11
September	2.08	.40	12th	15	10
October ...	3.33	1.44	23rd	8	8
November	0.22	.07	20th	4	3
December	2.28	.55	27th	13	13
	19.77			128	97

COMPARABLE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Total Rainfall in inches.</i>		<i>Number of days with .01" or more.</i>	
1944 ...	...	19.98	...	136
1943 ...	...	20.20	...	124
1942 ...	...	21.81	...	124
1941 ...	...	25.84	...	135
1940 ...	...	24.65	...	141
Average for 45 years	...	25.38	...	168

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

No inspections under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934, were carried out during the year.

CAMPING SITES.

There are at present two plots in the Borough occupied as Camping Sites, by persons of the Showman type. Water supply is laid on and earth closets are in use, the sites are used for lying-up purposes during the winter season. The sites are not licensed for camping. A site at Symons Lane near the Borough Boundary was used for a portion of the year as a gipsy encampment, this was unlicensed and no services were available, fortunately the site became vacant during the year and is unoccupied to date.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action was called for in this District under the provisions of the Smoke Abatement Act.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

The privately owned swimming bath mentioned in previous Reports is still in use and is kept in a satisfactory condition. It is very popular with residents of the Borough and neighbourhood.

DISINFESTATION.

No systematic work is undertaken with regard to disinfestation, complaints being dealt with as they arise. Zaldecide spray and Cimex blocks are used, and assistance was given during the year by the I.C.I., Jeallots Hill, who were experimenting with a new type of disinfectant which in practice proved very effective.

Number of Council houses disinfested	...	...	...	...	0
„ „ other houses disinfested	...	...	...	...	12
„ „ re-infestations	...	...	...	...	4

The Sanitary Inspector gives advice after disinfestation as to the cleanliness and prevention of re-infestation.

SCHOOLS.

All the Elementary Schools in the Borough are supplied with water from the public mains, and drained to the public sewers. The closet accommodation need modernising.

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

(a) The consideration of certain groups of property with a view to effecting the necessary repairs to make them reasonably fit for habitation. Although old, these properties will still be required for living accommodation for a number of years.

(b) The compulsory provision of regulation dustbins uniformly throughout the town. (Public Health Act, 1936, Section 75.)

HOUSING.

As is the case in all other Districts, building operations were entirely suspended during the war. To meet the shortage all available houses in the District have been requisitioned and where necessary converted into flats. The number of properties requisitioned is 18.

The Council has commenced its post-war plans for new houses, and the following proposals are in hand :—

Temporary Bungalows	...	...	...	...	40
Permanent Houses	...	...	...	...	182

A large number of plans for building by private enterprise have been submitted, and once the present restrictions are relaxed, large numbers of houses will undoubtedly be built in this area.

Owing to the shortage of sanitary staff, no systematic inspection of houses needing repair was carried out, such repair work as was done being the result of complaints made by the tenants. During 1946 normal procedure will be resumed, and it is hoped the many houses not in all respects fit for habitation will be dealt with.

The number of houses at present owned by the Borough Council is 81.

Number of houses erected during the year 1945 :—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	...	Nil
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :		
(1) By the Local Authority		Nil
(2) By other bodies or persons		Nil
1. <i>Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—</i>		
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	80
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		161
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932		Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		Nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation		Nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation		60
2. <i>Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—</i>		
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers		38
3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the year :</i>		None taken
4. <i>Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding :</i>		No action

MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops is shown in the following tabular statement.

Number on Register :

Wholesale Producers		8
Retail Producers		4
Retail Purveyors		10

				<i>Tuberculin</i> <i>Tested.</i>	<i>Accredited...</i>	<i>Pasteu- rised.</i>
No. of Producers licensed	...	...	...	2	—	—
„ „ Retailers	...	...	...	8	1	2
„ „ Registered Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...	...	12
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :						
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	4
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	4
Contraventions of Public Health Acts :						
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	8

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No licences were issued in respect of the five slaughterhouses in the Borough, general slaughtering being now carried out at Ministry of Food Regional establishments.

Fifteen Cottagers' pigs slaughtered under licence issued by the Ministry of Food were inspected.

The following foods were condemned as being unfit for human consumption :—

Bacon	...	...	16 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.	Beans	...	26 tins
Cheese	...	...	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Meat	...	108 tins
Butter	...	...	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Fish	...	74 tins
Fish	...	...	798lbs.	Milk	...	161 tins
Meat	...	...	34lbs.	Soup	...	9 tins
Sugar	...	...	40lbs.	Peas	...	16 tins
Jam	...	...	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Vegetables	...	3 tins
Potatoes	...	...	672lbs.	Syrup	...	1 tin
Split Peas	...	...	16 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.			
Barley Kernels	...	...	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.			
Sausage Meats	...	...	87lbs.			
			1,733lbs.			

(15 cwts. 1 qr. 25 lbs.)

BAKEHOUSES.

The 11 Bakehouses in the Borough were inspected and found to be kept in a satisfactory condition.

Cookham
Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24,901
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,590
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£101,742
Produce of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£411

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of:								
Population at middle of 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,270

BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	93	83
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	11
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	103	94

Live Birth Rate.
16

<i>Still Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1

Still Birth Rate.
0.16

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (All Causes).</i>		<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
		138	77	61

Death Rate.
11.2

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>		<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
		6	3	3

Infant Death Rate.
30

Maternal Deaths.
Nil.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	4	5
Non-pulmonary	1	—

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	0.8
Pulmonary	0.7
Non-pulmonary	0.1

CAUSES OF DEATH IN COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1945.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females</i>
ALL CAUSES	77	61
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	4	5
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	—
8. Syphilitic diseases	—	—
9. Influenza	1	—
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13. Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F):...	1	1
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
15. Cancer of breast	—	2
16. Cancer of all other sites	15	7
17. Diabetes	—	3
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	7	4
19. Heart Disease	22	18
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	1	4
21. Bronchitis	4	2
22. Pneumonia	2	2
23. Other respiratory diseases	—	—
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	3	1
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	—	—
26. Appendicitis	—	—
27. Other digestive diseases	1	1
28. Nephritis	2	1
29. Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	—
31. Premature birth	2	3
32. Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	—	—
33. Suicide	—	1
34. Road traffic accident	2	—
35. Other violent causes	3	2
36. All other causes	5	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 112 children were immunised against Diphtheria. Previously 1,588 children had received treatment making a grand total of 1,710.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below :—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1945.

(other than Tuberculosis).

<i>Diseases.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Dysentery	12 (12)	5	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	3	2	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Measles	206 (19)	1	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Pneumonia	3	0	0
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	16 (3)	13	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	20	1	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1945.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Dysentery	...	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—
Erysipelas	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
Measles	...	2	27	21	17	12	103	15	3	3	2	1	—
Pneumonia	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Scarlet Fever	...	—	—	1	—	1	7	6	1	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	2	1	4	5	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1941-1945.

<i>Disease.</i>				1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	1	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	13	3	2	2	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	12
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	4	1	1	4	3
Malaria	...	...	...	0	0	0	1	0
Measles	...	...	...	120	54	145	11	206
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	9	6	5	6	3
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	7	0	1	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	48	19	58	31	16
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	118	37	23	63	20

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y</i>		<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5—15 „	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—
15—25 „	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—
25—35 „	2	2	—	—	—	2	—	—
35—45 „	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
45—55 „	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—
55—65 „	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
65 and over	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i>	5	5	2	1	4	6	1	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—Nil.

WATER SUPPLY.

The greater part of the Rural District is serviced by water mains. There remain only a few isolated dwelling houses with wells. These are sampled regularly. Fifteen bacteriological and one chemical analyses were made during the year, all of which, with the exception of one bacteriological, were good.

WET SCAVANGING.

Cesspool emptying is carried out in the parishes of Bray, Bisham, Cookham and White Waltham, the average emptying per premise being once a month. Three cesspool emptiers—one of 1,000 gallons capacity and two of 750 gallons capacity—were employed; and, in December, an additional 750 gallon machine was added.

DRY SCAVENGING.

This service has again not been satisfactory. The labour available has been 50% below that required, and has resulted in the working of only two vehicles.

Proposals are under consideration to provide additional labour and vehicles. Four machines, each manned by a minimum of one driver and two loaders, are required to give a reasonable service.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The following is the Report of the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. F. K. Knowles) for the year ended 31st December, 1945 :—

“ Oaklands,”

Bath Road,

Maidenhead.

To Dr. W. B. Moore,
Medical Officer of Health.

(Tel. Maidenhead 252.)

Dear Sir,

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

A total of 3,855 visits and inspections were carried out during the year and 124 complaints were received and investigated.

NOTICES AND LETTERS.

Informal	...	...	...	90	Prosecutions	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Verbal	...	...	...	70	Letters received	...	...	5,433
Statutory	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	Letters sent	...	...	3,529
Notices complied with	...	...	...	150	Persons interviewed at Office	...	...	652

Improvements completed, defects remedied and nuisances abated during the year total 219.

FATORIES.

There are 43 Factories in the District. Seventy-two visits were paid during the year, 6 informal notices were served and complied with.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

See sub-heading “ Slaughter Houses ” under paragraph on “ Meat and Other Foods.”

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Seventy-six visits were paid to these premises and many improvements were carried out, serving 8 informal notices.

DRAINAGE.

Drainage systems to 12 premises were relaid, repaired or provided after service of notice.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

Eight premises were found to be infested. In 8 cases disinfestation was carried out by this Council.

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACTS, 1926 AND 1931.

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) AMENDMENT ACT, 1938.

Three cottages were reconditioned under grants.

SHOP INSPECTIONS.

During the year, 31 visits were made to shops where food is prepared or sold, and a number of improvements and alterations effected.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SURVEYOR UNDER NEW STREETS
AND BUILDING BYELAWS.

Plans presented for approval	...	...	...	...	...	85
Premises completed	...	...	...	...	...	13
Additions and alterations to existing premises completed	...	...	...	...	...	6
Notices served, Contraventions to Byelaws, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	25
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

(Signed) F. K. KNOWLES,
Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor.

CAMPING SITES.

There are now 19 Camping Sites in the District which have been approved, subject to the conditions set out in the Report for 1939 at page 74.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

Four pools in this District provide for public bathing and swimming ; the situation of these were enumerated and described in the Report for 1938 (page 130).

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	125
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	187
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ...	4
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	14
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	90

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	90
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 ...	Nil
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts ...	Nil
C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 ...	Nil

MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to milk supply is shown by the following tabular statement :—

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register :

Wholesale Producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
Retail Producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Retails (Milk Shops, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Licences granted for the sale of Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ „ „ „ Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dairy Farms licensed to produce Accredited Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
„ „ „ „ Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total Number of Registered Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :								
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Contraventions of Public Health Acts :								
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. •

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

By Government Order, all slaughter houses in the District have been closed down for the duration of hostilities.

The bulk of meat allocated to the District is sent from Mr. Dudley Sims' slaughter house, Maidenhead, whose premises have been taken over by the Ministry of Food for centralized slaughtering.

The Meat Inspectors of the Borough of Maidenhead and of the Cookham Rural District Council are working a night and week-end duty rota at the above slaughter house, so that every carcase may be inspected.

Ninety-five visits were paid during the year to butchers' shops, and Central Slaughter House, Maidenhead.

Fifteen pigs were slaughtered and inspected at private houses and premises after the owners had procured a licence from the Food Control Office.

UN SOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned foostuffs were condemned and surrendered, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption :—

190 lbs. Corned Beef.	79 tins Milk.
30 lbs. Corned Mutton.	62 lbs. Plaice.
231 lbs. Canadian Beef.	14 lbs. Gleanmar Puddings.
31 lbs. Home-killed Beef.	2 tins Jam.
56 lbs. Ham.	7 tins Baked Beans.
49 tins Fish.	9 tins Plums.
9 tins Meat.	2 lbs. Scotch Oats.
25 lbs. Cooked Meat.	2 tins Peas.
8½ lbs. Luncheon Meat.	1 tin Mixed Vegetables.
8 lbs. Tinned Brisket of Beef.	2 tins Syrup.
23 lbs. Pork Sausages.	36 packets Shredded Wheat.
6 lbs. Pork Sausage Meat.	120 lbs. Slab Fruit Cake.

Easthampstead Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	27,034
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,310
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	£159,737
Produce of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£680

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of:

Population at middle of 1945	...	...	...	...	20,460
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BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	137	130
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	18
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	155	148
<i>Live Birth Rate.</i>								
14.3.								

<i>Still Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4

Still Birth Rate.
.39.

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (All Causes).</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	272	136	136
<i>Death Rate.</i>			
13.3.			

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	14	8	6

Infant Death Rate.
- 46.

Maternal Deaths.
Nil.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	5	5
Non-pulmonary	1	2

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	0.6
Pulmonary	0.5
Non-pulmonary	0.1

CAUSES OF DEATH IN EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT, 1945.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
ALL CAUSES	136	136
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	1
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	5	5
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	2
8. Syphilitic diseases	—	—
9. Influenza	—	—
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	1	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13. Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F):... ..	5	2
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	6	1
15. Cancer of breast	—	5
16. Cancer of all other sites	18	10
17. Diabetes	—	2
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	12	20
19. Heart Disease	31	34
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	4	3
21. Bronchitis	10	2
22. Pneumonia	4	2
23. Other respiratory diseases	2	—
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	2
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	—	—
26. Appendicitis	—	—
27. Other digestive diseases	—	—
28. Nephritis	3	3
29. Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	—
31. Premature birth	1	—
32. Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	5	2
33. Suicide	1	—
34. Road traffic accident	2	—
35. Other violent causes	3	2
36. All other causes	21	33

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 241 children were immunised against Diphtheria. Previously 3,287 children had received treatment, making a grand total of 3,528.

The following tables give the chief statistics relating to the notifiable infectious diseases.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1945.

(other than *Tuberculosis*.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever...	1	1	0
Dysentery ...	29 (28)	0	0
Diphtheria ...	3	2	1
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid) ...	0	0	0
Erysipelas ...	2	0	0
Malaria ...	1	0	0
Measles ...	229 (19)	1	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	0	0	0
Pneumonia ...	19 (1)	0	1
Polio-myelitis ...	2	1	1
Puerperal Fever ...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	0	0
Scarlet Fever ...	24	13	0
Smallpox ...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough ...	21	0	0

The figures in brackets () refer to cases occurring in an institution and are included in the preceding number.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1945.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever		-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria ...		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Dysentery ...		-	-	-	-	-	1	14	11	2	-	1	-
Erysipelas ...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malaria ...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles ...		6	13	15	20	21	117	26	5	3	-	3	-
Polio-myelitis ...		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...		1	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	3	3	4	3
Puerperal Pyrexia ...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...		-	1	1	-	2	14	2	2	1	1	-	-
Whooping Cough ...		2	3	4	2	2	6	2	-	-	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS 1941-1945.

<i>Disease.</i>	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	2	0	0	0	1
Dysentery	8	3	1	2	29
Diphtheria	7	8	2	2	3
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	5	1	4	2	2
Malaria	0	4	50	1	1
Measles	501	166	129	5	229
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	0	1	0
Pneumonia	16	12	25	22	19
Polio-myelitis	3	0	2	1	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	2	0	1
Scarlet Fever	53	22	62	62	24
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	123	14	20	41	21

TUBERCULOSIS.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not, during the current year, are set out in the table below.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>		<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years ...	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1
5—15 „ ...	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	1	4	—	1	—	3	—	—
25—35 „ ...	5	1	1	—	1	2	—	—
35—45 „ ...	3	1	1	—	—	2	—	—
45—55 „ ...	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	14	6	3	6	5	7	—	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—3 out of 13=23.07%.

WATER SUPPLY.

Piped water is available to every Parish, and is supplied by the Mid-Wessex Water Company, Frimley Green, Aldershot (Parishes of Crowthorne, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Binfield and Warfield) and by the South West Suburban Water Company, The Causeway, Staines (Parish of Winkfield). Routine monthly samples are taken of the Mid-Wessex Water Company supply and submitted for Bacteriological and Modified Chemical (Hardness) analyses to the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.

Routine quarterly samples of the South West Suburban Water Company supply are taken in conjunction with Windsor R.D.C., Egham U.D.C., Feltham U.D.C., Bagshot R.D.C. and Hayes and Harlington U.D.C. and submitted to the Clinical Research Association, Ltd., for Bacteriological and Chemical Analyses.

<i>Source of Supply.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	(HARDNESS)		(BACTERIOLOGICAL)	
		<i>Satis- factory.</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory.</i>	<i>Satis- factory.</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory.</i>
Mid-Wessex Water Company ...	12	2	10	12	—
South West Suburban Water Company ...	13	—	23	23	—

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.

(1) The rainfall as recorded is :—

Crowthorne and Sandhurst Main Drainage ...	18.06 ins.
Bracknell	22.55 ins.

(2) Total flows treated :—

Crowthorne and Sandhurst Works	110,250,000 gals.
Bracknell „	64,030,000 gals.
Winkfield „	39,745,000 gals.
Binfield „	Not measured.

During the year serious complaints of nuisance arose in connection with the drainage of houses in Meadow Way Estate, Binfield Road, Bracknell, and Shepherds Lane, Bracknell. The Council decided that they would press forward with a main drainage scheme which could take the drainage of this property, and accordingly the Consulting Engineers were instructed to prepare such a scheme, together with a main drainage scheme for Skimped Hill, Bracknell. Skimped Hill is to be developed as a housing estate for 113 houses, and at the same time as the sewers are laid out for this estate and connected to the Council's main sewer in Wokingham Road, a branch sewer will be laid to take existing houses on the north side of Skimped Hill Lane. Ministry approval has been obtained to both schemes.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE.

The weekly collection of house refuse and salvage has been maintained but labour and transport difficulties have caused temporary lapses in the service.

Houscholders and business premises have kept separate salvageable articles: paper, rags, bones, metals, jars, bottles and rubber. Their efforts have produced satisfactory results as follows:—

				<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>		£	s.	d.
Paper	...	...	...	111	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	651	19	0
Textiles	...	...	...	10	11	...	107	16	4
Bones	...	...	...	2	6	...	10	1	5
Glassware	...	...	...	6	0	...	42	17	8
Metals	...	...	...	8	6	...	34	0	6
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	4	13 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	6	19	5
				—	—		—	—	—
				143	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	£853	14	4
				—	—		—	—	—

The urgency of efficient salvage work is as important as ever, particularly with regard to Bones, Paper and Textiles.

The piggery at Bracknell Works continues to be successfully maintained. There were 28 bacon pigs of a total weight of 276 score sent through the Ministry of Food Collecting Centre as a contribution to the Nation's bacon ration and realising £325 17s. 6d.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

SUMMARY OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE SANITARY INSPECTORS
DURING THE YEAR 1945.

District Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	422
Reinspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96
Housing Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77
Housing Reinspections		...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Infected Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
Inspection of Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Slaughter Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dairies and Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
Meat Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
Market Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Interviewed Owners and Builders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	204
Drains Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107
Shop Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Visits on Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	188
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Visits as Surveyor to Sewage Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
Foundations inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Inspections during construction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Drains tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Properties Inspected on completion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Work in progress	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Refuse Tip	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Water Samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Inspections and visits for War-damaged Property	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

It was found necessary to serve the following notices under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936 :—

Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Statutory Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

HOUSING.

BUILDING BYE-LAWS AND TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING.

The following is a summary of the plans deposited and action taken under this heading :—

Plans deposited	...	...	...	...	...	...	140
„ rejected—Byelaws	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
„ „ —Town and Country Planning	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ deferred—Town and Country Planning	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

FOOD INSPECTION.

There is no Government controlled slaughter-house in the District. Meat supplies under Ministry of Food rationing come through the Wholesale Meat Supplies Association, Reading. Home killed meat is killed and inspected at the Public Abattoir, Reading, and the Government controlled Slaughter House, Windsor. Emergency killing done in Easthampstead Rural District is inspected by the Sanitary Inspectors. Meat delivered to local butchers is inspected on request.

Considerable time is devoted to inspections at the request of the Ministry of Food and local shopkeepers, of tinned and dry goods, etc., either in Ministry of Food Buffer Depots or in shops. The following is a table of unsound food seized during the above inspections :—

Fresh Fish	11 stones	Fruit	10 tins
Beans	64 tins	Cheese	43 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Fish (tinned)... ..	93 tins	Sausages	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Meat Products	45 tins	Potatoes	168 lbs.
Milk	240 tins	Rolled Oats	35 lbs.
Jam	26 tins	Sauce	1 bottle
Beetroot	3 tins	Soups	7 tins
Confectionery	71 lbs. 8 ozs.	Pickles	5 jars
Peas	20 tins	Fish Paste	36 jars

Imported Meat.

Corned Beef	190 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Corned Mutton	24 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Bacon	19 lbs.

Home Killed.

3 Pigs (Tuberculosis).
2 Pigs (Swine Fever).
1 Hindquarter Beef (Tuberculosis)
Bacon 13 ozs.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

It has been found possible to carry out an increased amount of supervision over milk production in the District and although shortage of labour and materials render the carrying out of structural improvements difficult, some structural improvements have been put in hand on the premises of three milk producers. The number of producers and dairy-men is shown below :—

(1) Producers (Farms)	74
(2) Retailers	35
(3) Accredited Producers (included in (1) above)	10
(4) Tuberculin Tested Producers (included in (1) above)	5
(5) Tuberculin Tested Bottling Licences	3
(6) Pasteurised Supplementary Licences	2

RODENT CONTROL.

By direction of the Ministry of Food in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Agriculture and Fisheries, Local Authorities were required to undertake a drive for the extermination of rats and mice from the "built-up" areas in their Districts. The same work for agricultural lands and premises being the duty of the War Agricultural Executive Committees.

Easthampstead Rural District and Windsor Rural District were made a "workable area" for this service and for that purpose appointed Mr. A. E. Day as Rodent Officer. Mr. Day allots his time by working two weeks in Easthampstead Rural District and one week in Windsor Rural District alternately. During the year Mr. Day has carried out his duties very tactfully and conscientiously with good results. The following is a summary of his work during the year for Easthampstead Rural District :—

Survey made of premises	...	...	...	...	...	397
Number of infested premises	...	...	...	...	...	196
„ „ major infestations (50-100 rats)	...	...	...	...	...	1
Premises now considered free from infestations	...	...	...	...	...	48
Infestations transferred to B.W.A.E.C.	...	...	...	...	...	—
Visits made for disinfestations	...	...	...	...	...	958
Premises re-inspected after disinfestation	...	...	...	...	...	233
Verified catches of rats	...	...	...	...	...	674
Estimated destroyed by gassing	...	...	...	...	...	711
„ „ „ poison baiting	...	...	...	...	...	756

The methods used are poison baits, poison gas, trapping, ferrets and snares.

Windsor Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,665
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,706
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£128,432
Produce of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£507 7 9

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of :

Population at middle of 1945	...	...	...	...	10,800
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BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	74	71
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	11
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	82

Live Birth Rate.
15.5.

<i>Still Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1

Still Birth Rate.
0.1.

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (All Causes).</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	133	60	73

Death Rate.
12.3.

<i>Infants Deaths.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	3	3	—

Infant Death Rate.
18.

Maternal Deaths.
Nil.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	1	3
Non-pulmonary	—	—

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	0.4
Pulmonary	0.4
Non-pulmonary	—

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WINDSOR RURAL DISTRICT, 1945.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
ALL CAUSES	60	73
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	3
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—
8. Syphilitic diseases	—	—
9. Influenza	—	—
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13. Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F) ...	—	4
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	4	5
15. Cancer of breast	—	5
16. Cancer of all other sites	9	11
17. Diabetes	—	—
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	7	8
19. Heart Disease	21	21
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	1	2
21. Bronchitis	2	1
22. Pneumonia	4	1
23. Other respiratory diseases	—	—
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	—	—
26. Appendicitis	—	—
27. Other digestive diseases	2	2
28. Nephritis	2	3
29. Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	—
31. Premature birth	—	—
32. Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases ...	1	—
33. Suicide	—	—
34. Road traffic accident	—	—
35. Other violent causes	2	2
36. All other causes	4	5

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 128 children were immunised against Diphtheria. The number of children who had previously received treatment was 1,572, which makes a grand total of 1,700.

The following tables give the main statistical features of the cases occurring in this District during the year 1945.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1945.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>						<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	1 (1)	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	1 (1)	1	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	99 (99)	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	2 (1)	0	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	46 (21)	1	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	1 (1)	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	0
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	4 (4)	1	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	23 (15)	19	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	7	0	0

The figures in brackets () indicate cases which occurred in an institution ; they are included in the totals given.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1945.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Cerebro-spinal Fever		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ...	...	-	-	-	1	2	14	33	34	9	3	2	1
Erysipelas ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Measles ...	...	-	3	4	4	1	12	15	3	4	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	...	-	1	4	3	-	7	1	4	3	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	...	-	-	1	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1941-1945.

<i>Disease.</i>					1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	1	2	0	0	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	6	1	4	3	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	0	22	14	3	99
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	1	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	0	1	1	2	2
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	407	67	232	50	46
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		...	...	...	1	2	2	2	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	7	6	6	5	4
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	1	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	1	3	5	2	4
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	18	9	56	34	23
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	41	29	52	20	7

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health

Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patients to institutions). These powers are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The following table gives the required particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from all forms of that disease during 1945.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>				<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „ ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—
25—35 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
35—45 „ ...	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—55 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	1	3	1	1	1	3	—	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—1 out of 4=25%.

WATER SUPPLY.

A description of the Water Supply in this District was given at length in the Report for 1937 at page 194, which need not be repeated as the conditions remain unchanged, and further comments were added in the Report for 1938 at page 202. The chief source of supply is from the public mains of the South-West Suburban Water Company. By an arrangement with the six Districts in this neighbourhood on the same supply, samples from service pipes are taken periodically in rotation and the results of the analysis circulated.

Under the combined sampling arrangements, operating between neighbouring Authorities, 24 Analyst's Reports were received during 1945, on samples of water taken from the public supply. In no case was the water judged to be unfit for drinking purposes. Four of the samples were taken in the Windsor Rural District.

Enquiries made during 1944 revealed the existence of "supplementary water supplies," i.e., wells, springs, lakes, etc., at 110 premises in the District.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The drainage and sewerage of this District has been fully described in previous Reports under this heading and need not be repeated. Mr. E. J. Toy, Sanitary Superintendent since 1920, retired in June 1945, and his duties have been taken over by the Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

As mentioned in previous Reports, Wet Scavenging, i.e., emptying of cesspools, is still carried out in the Parishes of Sunninghill and Sunningdale at the few houses which have not yet been connected to the public Sewer. There are in addition, a number of premises in adjacent areas contiguous to the boundaries of this District, which are given service if local calls permit.

The Parish of Old Windsor is still not sewered. Dry scavenging, i.e., the removal of house refuse is carried out in all three Parishes and a separate salvage collection is made in Sunninghill and Sunningdale Parishes. A weekly collection of refuse has now been reinstated in the two latter Parishes and a ten-day service operates in Old Windsor.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The Report of Mr. W. H. Rowsell, Sanitary Inspector for this District, for the year ended 31st December, 1945, is reproduced below.

Council Offices,

Bowden Road, Sunninghill.

(Tel. Ascot 893.)

To Dr. W. B. Moore,

Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

Under various headings I submit below a brief account of the Public Health Work carried out in this District during 1945.

It is with some regret that one still finds the Pre-war thorough-going Public Health curriculum very much a mirage, and the Post-war "spasms" disturbingly unproductive.

For the first time, I have to report the appointment of Staff to the Windsor Rural District Health Department, both clerical and technical.

During 1945, preparation was made to begin the Rural Housing Survey, but in accordance with Ministerial policy, the provision of new houses has taken precedence over repairs, although the latter have been called for in many isolation instances, and the Council are proceeding to set their "own house" in order by way of comprehensive inspection of Council Housing Schemes.

Considerable work has also been done in the conversion and adaptation of requisitioned premises of which, since the end of the war, the Council has assumed control of five houses for the housing of family units.

The Register of applicants for re-housing has been brought up to date by a complete re-registration on revised Forms. Before being re-housed (in converted or adapted premises) each applicant is awarded "points" and is also visited at his present home, upon which a report is furnished to the Housing Sub-Committee.

The routine sampling of milk and water supplies has been maintained throughout the year, the number of bacteriological samples taken being 60 milk and 5 water.

Control of Civil Building operations including erection of small dwellings by private persons makes heavy demands on both clerical and technical Staff. One cannot help feeling that much labour might be saved with no untoward effects by a raising of the £10 limit.

With gratitude one records no serious outbreak of infectious disease.

The work of Rats and Mice Destruction received systematic attention from the Council's part-time Rodent Operative, who is an experienced and efficient Officer. No major infestations have occurred in the District.

Abbreviated statistical tables, and "specialised" information is given under appropriate headings, and I conclude with appreciation and sincere thanks for your own kindly and wise support throughout the year.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND RE-INSPECTIONS in connection with :

Dwelling houses (Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	...	161
Drainage work	...	...	30
Infectious disease	...	...	39
Cowsheds and dairies	...	...	59
Factories and workshops	...	...	3
Shop premises	...	...	18
Food stores (others)	...	...	39
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	...	...	5
Water courses	...	...	4
Rats and Mice	...	...	18
Water supply	...	...	22
Council houses	...	...	113
Food sampling	...	...	62

NOTICES.

Sixty-five Informal Notices were given during the year (including verbal) ; the majority were complied with by the year's end, but owing to emergency work a complete check has not been possible.

(Signed) W. H. ROWSELL,
Sanitary Inspector.

BUILDING SURVEYOR'S REPORT, 1945.

The following is a summary of Building activities, etc., during the year ended 31st December, 1945 :—

<i>Plans deposited during 1945.</i>	<i>Approved.</i>	<i>Rejected.</i>
New buildings	17	1
Alterations and additions	3	2
Change of user	3	0
Drainage	5	0
Lay-out	1	0
Inspections made	69	0

In view of the Government's sustained appeal for restricted use of materials and labour for property maintenance purposes, the Council has discontinued, for the war period, the general maintenance policy as to Council houses, referred to in the Report for 1939, page 127. Restoration of the Scheme is, however, envisaged during 1946.

At Council houses, 113 inspections were made for the purpose of effecting repairs and decorations where necessary.

The control of Civil Building operations by way of issuing (a) Licences, (b) Certificates of Essentiality, (c) W.B.A. Priority Symbols, (d) Materials Certificates, has thrown a heavy and responsible duty on Local Authorities. One hundred and thirty Licences and 21 Certificates of Essentiality were issued in 1945, covering a total cost of works of £14,772. In almost 100% of the cases inspection is made before Licences, etc. are issued.

Licences to erect complete new houses (small dwellings) were issued in two cases.

The Council have under way the preparation of three Housing Schemes, one in each Parish, affecting 114 houses, and at the time of writing, 18 of these are actually being built and a contract is let for a further 24. The preparation of one site (roads and sewers) is also practically completed. No prefabricated dwellings are being allocated in this area.

(Signed) W. H. ROWSELL,
Building Inspector.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Shortage of Staff, and Trading Regulations, have continued to harass the shopkeeper, nevertheless in this District, in which the majority of shops are of the single-trader type, due attention has been paid to health and cleanliness. In the case of the few multiple stores—there is always a ready response to requests for improvements.

CAMPING SITES.

One site in the Parish of Old Windsor was licensed during the year for occupation by one moveable dwelling. This makes the second such site in the District. It must, however, be recorded that unauthorised use of land and dwellings continues, but without creation of a statutory nuisance and, therefore, having regard to the Housing problem, statutory action by the Council has not been advised. Temporary buildings on Ham Island were again licensed for the winter months in accordance with an agreement between Windsor Corporation and Windsor R.D.C. (see page 59, 1944 Report).

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

The above subjects were commented upon in the Report for 1939 (pages 128-129) and remain substantially the same.

The scavenging of Friary Island and the sewerage of the Parish of Old Windsor remain unsettled problems, although the latter is now well on the way to solution—a scheme having been submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval during the year under review.

With further reference to Friary Island, it becomes increasingly clear that this land merits the attention of the Boundaries Commission, and it is understood that an adjacent Authority will probably raise the matter through the appropriate channels.

With the cessation of hostilities, notes under this paragraph are liable to include “housing,” of which there are one or two “black spots”—suitable for clearance. For the District as a whole, however, much might be said of favourable sanitary conditions not requiring special attention.

HOUSING.

The following is a statement of the Sanitary Inspector under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the past year :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	72
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	161
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ...	14
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	37
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	72

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	52
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	...	2
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :						
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts* ... NilC. *Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	<i>Nil</i>
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	 <i>Nil</i>

One agricultural cottage, the subject of a certificate (under Order in Council dated July 2nd, 1940) allowing its use as a dwelling, as a war-time measure, was repaired during the year by the owners, following a temporary withholding of the certificate.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

During the year under review, meat for this District has been supplied from animals slaughtered at the Government Slaughter House at Windsor, which means that none of the five slaughter houses in the District have been in use, apart from occasional killing by cottagers and others, under the Ministry of Food self-supply Meat Scheme.

The following articles have been examined and voluntarily surrendered and disposed of as being unfit for human food, in all possible cases the foods are used for animal feeding stuffs :—

Canned Products.

Milk	...	...	128 tins
Pork and Beans	...	...	4 tins
Meat	...	...	259 tins
Fish	...	...	159 tins
Miscellaneous	...	...	1,434 tins

Fresh Products.

Cheese	...	...	4 lbs.
Meat	...	...	285 lbs.
Fish	...	...	1,026 lbs.
Eggs	...	...	10 doz.

Dried Products.

Milk	...	...	...	34 tins.
Peas	...	...	...	47 lbs.
Rusks	...	...	...	1 pkt.

Wokingham Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40,828
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,940
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£251,338
Produce of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,037

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate of :								
Population at middle of 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32,600

BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	242	206
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	31
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	267	237

Live Birth Rate.
15.5.

<i>Still Births.</i>							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	4
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	4

Still Birth Rate.
0.37.

DEATHS.

Deaths (All Causes).

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
358	166	192

Death Rate.
11.

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	14	9	5

Infant Death Rate.
27.7.

Maternal Deaths.
Nil

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

							Males.	Females.
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.3
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.15
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.15

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1945.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							Males.	Females
ALL CAUSES							166	192
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	4	1
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	4	5
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	5
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	16	17
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	11	32
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	46	46
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	2	7
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	11	9
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	5	8
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	4	1
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	6	3
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	30	29

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 314 children were immunised against Diphtheria. The number of children who had previously received treatment was 4,278, making a grand total of 4,592.

The following tables summarise the position regard to notifiable infectious diseases during the year :—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1945.
(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	2	0	0
Diphtheria ...	9 (2)	9	0
Dysentery ...	3 (1)	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid) ...	3	3	0
Erysipelas ...	11 (1)	2	0
Malaria ...	1 (1)	1	0
Measles ...	442 (27)	3	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	0	0	0
Pneumonia ...	18 (1)	0	2
Polio-myelitis ...	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever ...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	3	0	0
Scarlet Fever ...	34 (4)	21	0
Smallpox ...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough ...	23	0	0

Brackets () indicate cases that occurred in institutions and hospitals ; they are included in the totals given.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1945.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years.</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Cerebro-spinal Fever		—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Diphtheria ...	...	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	2	4	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—
Enteric Fever	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—
Erysipelas ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	5	3
Malaria ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Measles ...	...	7	27	31	43	42	241	33	3	9	3	3	—
Pneumonia ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	2	1	2	2	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	—	—	3	3	1	14	1	6	5	1	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	3	2	2	3	2	10	—	—	—	1	—	—

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1941-1945.

<i>Disease.</i>				1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	5	0	2	1	2
Diphtheria	...	...	...	11	6	12	17	9
Dysentery	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	3
Encephalitis Lethargica		...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)				0	0	0	1	3
Erysipelas	...	...	...	2	0	5	10	11
Malaria	...	...	...	1	0	0	2	1
Measles	...	...	...	680	58	408	15	442
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		...	...	1	1	0	1	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	41	67	27	26	18
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	3	1	0	2	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	0	1	2	2	3
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	55	106	134	104	34
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	226	30	43	70	23

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment), or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution), now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease whether the cases have been notified or not during the current year are set out in the table below.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>				<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
1— 5 years ...	—	—	3	1	—	—	1	1
5—15 „ ...	2	—	1	1	—	—	1	1
15—25 „ ...	4	7	1	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 „ ...	8	2	2	—	2	—	—	—
35—45 „ ...	2	4	—	—	—	1	—	—
45—55 „ ...	5	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
65 and over ...	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	23	14	8	2	6	2	2	2

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—4 out of 12=33.33%.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Waterworks Undertaking of the Council has satisfactorily maintained the supplies required by the consumers connected to the mains, but as stated in the previous Report, the combined capacity of the reservoirs and towers is entirely inadequate.

Additional storage is to be provided by the construction of a new reservoir at Bowsey Hill, Wargrave, with a capacity of two and three-quarter million gallons, and it is anticipated that the application will be submitted to the Ministry of Health for the approval of this reservoir in the near future.

Extensive works are required to be carried out in the District to afford supplies to those areas without satisfactory or adequate water now available, and one scheme for main extensions totalling six and one-third miles of mains and estimated to cost £9,500 is now awaiting approval of the Ministry of Health.

A scheme for the supply to Farley Hill, Swallowfield, which was held in abeyance during the war, is now in course of preparation, and in addition, further extensions of mains and to the waterworks are authorized by the District Council, but the preparation of these schemes is held up owing to lack of technical staff.

It is interesting to note that the consumption of water has more than doubled during the war. During the year ended 31st March, 1940, the consumption was 180,726,000 gallons, whereas for the year ended 31st March, 1946, the consumption was 362,741,000 gallons, representing practically one million gallons per day.

The foregoing brief particulars give some indication of the rapid growth of the Waterworks Undertaking, and there is a considerable amount of extremely urgent work to be carried out so that a satisfactory supply can be maintained and also to provide for post-war development.

OVERGROUND SUPPLY PIPES IN THE MID-WESSEX COMPANY'S AREA.

These supplies are still being maintained by the Council's Water Department, and although mains are to be provided to replace these overground pipes in certain cases, no decision has yet been made regarding the lengths of pipes and standpipes in Holly Bush Ride and Barkham Ride, Finchampstead.

Apart from the fact that the overground pipes are unsatisfactory and unusable during frosty weather, they are costly to maintain and the whole of the cost for the supply, maintenance and water charges are being borne by the Council.

STATISTICS RELATING TO WATER SUPPLIES IN THE DISTRICT.

		<i>No. of Dwelling Houses.</i>	<i>No. on R.D.C. Main Water Supply.</i>	<i>No. on other Companies Main Water Supplies.</i>	<i>No. not on Main Water.</i>
Arborfield ...	...	123	92		30
Barkham ...	...	205	87		118
Earley ...	...	1,373	782	548 Reading Borough Waterworks.	43
Finchampstead ...	...	571	4	351 Mid-Wessex Water Co.	216
Newland ...	...	87	37		50
Remenham ...	...	137	27	58 Henley Water Co.	52
Ruscombe ...	...	152	106		46
St. Nicholas Hurst ...	...	334	184		150
Shinfield ...	...	940	830		110
Sonning ...	...	287	254		33
Swallowfield ...	...	465	247		218
Twyford ...	...	441	412		29
Wargrave ...	...	733	653		80
Winnersh ...	...	606	487		119
Woking Without ...	...	792	4	592 Mid-Wessex Water Co.	196
Woodley & Sandford		1,694	1,439		255
		8,940	5,646	1,549	1,745*

* Includes approximately 160/170 houses with standpipe supply available.

The following bacteriological examinations of water supplied by the Council's Undertaking were made during the year ended 31st March, 1946 :—

(1) Raw water—34 tests :—

29 Satisfactory.

4 Passable.

1 Unsatisfactory.

(2) Treated water—42 Tests :—

39 Satisfactory.

2 Passable.

1 Unsatisfactory.

During the year 96 new services were laid, and approximately one mile of 6" main was laid in the Parish of Swallowfield. A short length of new 3" main was also laid in the Parish of Twyford.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The Main Drainage Scheme for part of the District which was about to be commenced at the outbreak of war in 1939, has been given highest priority by the Council since the cessation of hostilities and work on the first section of the Scheme for Erleigh Court area and Sonning is about to be started.

The Twyford and Ruscombe area is prepared ready for invitation of tenders, but unless the position regarding labour and materials improves, it will not be possible to carry out this section of the Scheme until the first is completed.

It is intended to provide sewers and temporary Sewage Disposal Works for the Council's Housing Schemes.

Sewerage in parts of the Parishes of Shinfield, Wokingham Without, Swallowfield, Arborfield and Hurst which are not included in the Main Drainage Scheme prepared by the Consulting Engineers, are areas which should receive early attention.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

The unsatisfactory conditions due to cesspool drainage in built-up areas can in my opinion, only be solved by the provision of sewers. Difficulties continue to be experienced owing to lack of labour and time lost in obtaining spares for emptying vehicles.

DRY SCAVENGING.

The collection of salvage and refuse has been maintained during the year on a fortnightly basis throughout the whole of the District. The position regarding labour has improved steadily from October onwards. Every effort has been made to improve the tips which deteriorated during the war, and although a considerable amount of work yet remains to be done they can now be considered reasonably satisfactory. Mr. Evans, Salvage Officer, reports that the amounts and value of the salvage disposed of are as follows :—

<i>Weight.</i>				<i>Value.</i>		
<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>			£	s.	d.
267	3	...	...	1,495	9	10

The approximate quantity of refuse disposed of was 14,850 cu. yds.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Following is the Report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector for the year 1945.

Council Offices,
Shute End,
Wokingham, Berks.
April, 1946.

Dr. W. B. Moore,
Medical Officer of Health,
"The Wilderness," Maidenhead, Berks.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour of presenting herewith my Report of work carried out during the year ended 31st December, 1945.

The total number of visits made during the year was 4,259 apportioned, as below :

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	307
„ „ Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	190
„ „ „ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	...	120
„ „ visits in connection with infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	193
„ „ „ „ „ water supply	...	...	...	...	...	231
„ „ samples of well water analysed	...	...	...	...	...	36
„ „ „ „ „ „ classified as good	...	...	...	...	...	17
„ „ „ „ „ „ „ passable	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ „ „ „ „ „ „ unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	12
„ „ visits to dwelling houses	...	...	...	...	...	616
„ „ „ to moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	49
„ „ „ to factories	...	...	...	...	...	28
„ „ „ to shop premises under Shops Act	...	...	...	...	...	71
„ „ „ to cafes, restaurants and hotels, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	18
„ „ „ to dairy farms and dairies	...	...	...	...	...	196
„ „ „ to butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	...	518
„ „ „ to schools	...	...	...	...	...	24
„ „ miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	1,546
„ „ premises at which disinfestation for vermin was carried out	...	...	...	...	...	72

ANTHRAX ORDER, 1938.

Three notifications of suspected cases were received under this Order, but these were not subsequently confirmed.

No notifications were received during the year under this Order.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Wholesale Producers : Number of Farms	...	...	...	127
Retail Producers—Number of Farms	...	...	...	31
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	13

MILK SAMPLING.

				<i>Satisfactory.</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory.</i>
Non-Designated Milk	...	...	...	15	18
Tuberculin-tested Milk		...	...	9	2
Pasteurised or Heat-treated Milk			...	16	7

There are 18 Bakehouses in the District. Informal Notices were issued in respect of the following matters :

BUTCHERS' PREMISES.

Five hundred and eight visits were made to butchers' premises for the purpose of inspecting meat for sale and in connection with the registration of these premises under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

UN SOUND FOOD.

Bacon (English)	...	32 lbs.	Meat	...	...	96 tins.
Beef (Imported)	...	10 lbs.	Milk	...	...	122 tins.
Cabbage	...	462 lbs.	Various Foodstuffs	...		88 tins.
Cheese	...	23 lbs.	Eggs	...		235
Mutton (Imported)	...	286 lbs.	Pigs' Heads	...		4
Oranges	...	54 lbs.	Pigs' Plucks	...		1
Parsnips	...	445 lbs.	Pigs' Mesenteries	...		1
9 cwts.		104 lbs..				

The carcasses of 188 pigs slaughtered by owners for their own consumption were inspected.

(Signed) W. L. LONGHURST,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING.

During the year 209 plans were submitted for consideration ; of these 106 were plans for new houses or for alterations to existing premises to provide additional accommodation. Twenty-one plans were disapproved for various defects under the Byelaws, Public Health Act 1936 or Water Act, 1945.

Eighty-seven licences were issued during the year for the provision of new houses or units of accommodation by private enterprise.

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACT, 1926.

The provisions of the Act are at present in abeyance and no grants were made during the year.

It is noticed, however, that there is a great demand for improvements to Farm Cottages and several plans have been received and civil building licences issued for improvements such as the provision of electric light, bath-rooms and w.c.'s. and proper drainage.

This work is being carried out without any financial assistance in the way of grant.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

In accordance with Circular 64/44 issued by the Ministry of Health on the 24th May, 1944, requesting the establishment of Joint County Committees to consider the carrying out of a Comprehensive Survey of the majority of houses in each Rural District, a Joint County Committee was accordingly established. Special Sub-Committees were duly appointed to consider details as to the methods of carrying out the Survey. It was agreed that, owing to the shortage of staff generally, it was not possible to commence a Comprehensive Survey but that a preliminary inspection only should be made in order to furnish the Ministry of Health with the particulars requested under the various categories specified in their Circular.

This preliminary inspection was commenced during the year, and the undermentioned figures are given as to the progress made up to the 31st December, 1945.

Total number of houses in the District (approximately) ...	8,900
Approximate number of houses which it is considered desirable to include in the Comprehensive Survey	7,600
(This figure is based on the number of houses having a rateable value up to and including £25).	
Number of Parishes in the District	16
Number of Parishes where preliminary Survey has been completed	11
Number of houses which have been "categorized" under the five headings mentioned in the Ministry of Health Circular 64/44	4,158
Number of houses still to be inspected	3,442

With the exception of a part-time clerk, no additional staff has yet been provided in connection with this Survey.

REQUISITIONED HOUSES.

Two hundred and six houses have been requisitioned since 1940 for housing essential workers, evacuated and homeless families and those families inadequately housed; in 129 cases the requisitioning has either been withdrawn or the properties released. Seventy-seven properties were occupied under licence at the 31st December, 1945.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	185
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	431
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ...	3
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	11
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	113

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	73
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners ...	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	1

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	8
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners ...	6
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	Nil

c. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	<i>Nil</i>
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(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	<i>Nil</i>
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d. <i>Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936</i> ...	<i>Nil</i>
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4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	10
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(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	16
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(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	68½
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(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	4
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(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	6
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(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	46½
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(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding...	<i>Nil</i>
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(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	<i>Nil</i>
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It is anticipated that the year 1946 will show a marked increase in the number of houses overcrowded mainly due to demobilisation of service men and women.

